



REPUBLIKA NG PILIPINAS
KAGAWARAN NG UGNAYANG PANLABAS



ASEAN-PHILIPPINES NATIONAL SECRETARIAT

18 January 1999

Dear Secretary-General Severino,

In compliance with the Agreement on the Establishment of the ASEAN Center for Energy, I am pleased to forward herewith the Instrument of Ratification of the Philippines duly signed by His Excellency President Estrada on 30 December 1998.

Thank you and best regards.

Very truly yours,

ERNESTO V. LLAMAS
Director-General
ASEAN-Philippines

His Excellency RODOLFO C. SEVERINO, JR.
ASEAN Secretary-General
ASEAN Secretariat
JAKARTA

CC: All ASEAN Directors-General

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INSTRUMENT OF RATIFICATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETINGS:

KNOW YE, that whereas, the Agreement on the Establishment of the ASEAN Centre for Energy, signed through an ad referendum basis, was concluded in Hanoi, Vietnam on 22 May 1998;

WHEREAS, in entering into the Agreement, the Contracting Parties were mindful of the commitment to the strategic energy issues and priorities stipulated in the Bangkok Summit Declaration of 1995 which provides that "ASEAN shall ensure greater security and sustainability of energy supply through diversification, development and conservation of resources, the efficient use of energy, and the wider application of environmentally sound technologies;

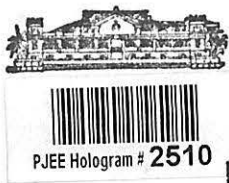
WHEREAS, recalling the decision of the fourteenth ASEAN Ministers on Energy Meeting held in Kuala Lumpur on 01 July 1996 to transform the ASEAN-EC Energy Management Training and Research Centre (AEEMTRC) into an ASEAN Centre for Energy, and recognizing the progress and accomplishments of the AEEMTRC, the Contracting Parties have agreed to establish an ASEAN Centre for Energy beginning 01 January 1999, which shall have its seat in Jakarta, Indonesia;

WHEREAS, the Centre shall serve as a catalyst for the economic growth and development of the ASEAN region by initiating, coordinating and facilitating national, as well as joint and collective activities on energy;

WHEREAS, according Article 7 of the Agreement, the operations of the Centre shall partially be funded by all ASEAN member countries through the establishment of an ASEAN Energy Endowment Fund;

WHEREAS, Article 12 of the Agreement provides that it shall be ratified by the ASEAN member countries and shall enter into force on the date of the deposit of the ninth instrument of ratification with the Secretary-General of ASEAN;



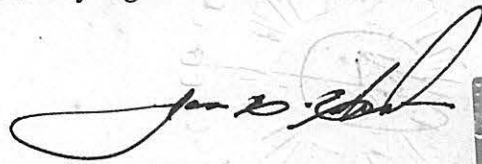
WHEREAS, this Agreement is not one of those treaties and international agreements contemplated in Section 21, Article VII of the 1987 Constitution which require the concurrence of the Senate, but an executive agreement which can be validly entered into by the President in the exercise of his treaty making powers;



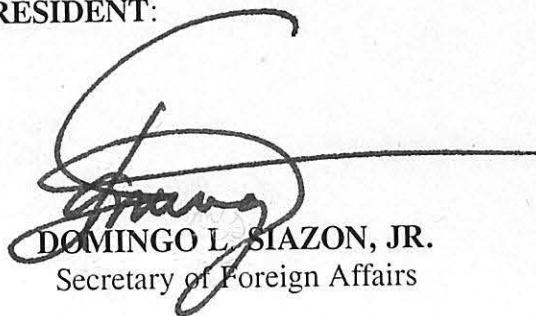
NOW, THEREFORE, be it known that I, JOSEPH EJERCITO ESTRADA, President of the Republic of the Philippines, after having seen and considered the aforementioned Agreement on the Establishment of the ASEAN Centre for Energy, do hereby ratify and confirm the same and every Article and Clause thereof.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Republic of the Philippines to be affixed.

GIVEN under my hand at the City of Manila, on this 30th day of DEC. in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ninety-eight.



BY THE PRESIDENT:



DOMINGO L. SIAZON, JR.
Secretary of Foreign Affairs

